

Notes regarding the 2010 Census from presentation by Dwight Dean, Director of the Detroit Census Bureau Office, to SEMCOG Executive Committee, Dec. 4, 2009:

- Decennial Census is a Constitutional requirement
- Count all residents, both immigrants and citizens
- “Residency” is defined as whatever location that person/family considers “Home” most of the time
  - People who spend part of the year in other locations need to answer the census in the area where they are most often and consider “Home”
  - Census questionnaires will not be forwarded by the USPS
  - Questionnaires are sent to every residential address. Therefore, people having multiple dwellings will receive multiple surveys but should complete only the one for where they reside most of the time
  - If the questionnaire for the “most of the time” dwelling is not received, residents can depend on a census worker appearing later in the spring or summer to inquire and assist completion of the count
- Foreclosures/vacant homes will be an issue in SE MI
  - Census Bureau will confirm the home vacancy
  - Residents need to answer the Census where they are if they no longer have a permanent home—even if the location is temporary
    - e.g., individuals and families living with friends or relatives until they get back on their feet, need to be counted in the numbers the host uses for the completed questionnaire
    - Even temporary location is a location. Ignoring that and not reporting will compromise the totals for overall population, allocation of funds and services, Congressional districts, etc.
- Census materials are available in multiple languages
- Oakland County Commission, as most counties in MI has already formed a Complete Count Committee which will be assisting in getting the word out to residents

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